

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 1505 - HB 1527**

April 9, 2001

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Changes provisions regarding court information and reporting, which include:

- Codifies the standards and reporting requirements for uniform statistical data collection for the courts;
- Creates a new definition of a case;
- Requires the agencies' reporting systems to use the TCA citation to classify the type and class of each case;
- Adds the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to the agencies which are required to provide information the Office of the Comptroller to assist with the weighted caseload formula;
- Requires that all information use the standard definition of case that is submitted to the Office of the Comptroller by the district attorneys general, public defenders, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$100,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - Exceeds \$100,000**

Assumes additional modifications will be necessary to information systems of state agencies reporting to include TCA citation to classify cases; however, the modifications will be absorbed by the state agencies. Also, a significant increase in local government expenditures will be required for changes in the reporting systems for juvenile and family courts since they have not previously been included in this reporting requirement.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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